



## GEAR UP INSTITUTE FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT: FINDING COMMON GROUND

**Institute Standards:** Participants will understand and be able to

- Articulate the characteristics of a successful school addressing issues of equity and achievement
- Identify the ways in which GEAR UP supports the larger work of school improvement
- Self-assess their own status as a GEAR UP school
- Identify Priority Areas for ongoing focused work
- Build leadership skills and behaviors to support GEAR UP work in their schools
- Plan for ongoing focused work in GEAR UP

### Day I – School Culture (8/26)

- I. Defining Improvement – In this day and age, what does it mean to be a successful school?
- II. Making Connections – What are the ways in which GEAR UP works to support the larger work of school improvement?
- III. The Big Picture – What does a successful GEAR UP school look like?
- IV. Our Own Image – Where are we in our efforts to be a successful GEAR UP school?
- V. In Our Community – How can statewide GEAR UP staff support our ongoing progress?

### Day II – Leadership (9/30)

- I. Reflecting on our Work – What has happened with GEAR UP in our school since we last met?
- II. Defining Leadership – What does it mean to lead a school in its improvement efforts?
- III. Our Own Image – Where are we in our efforts to support the work of GEAR UP in our school?
- IV. Making Plans – How can we continue to focus our GEAR UP work and build our skills to support our schools improvement?
- V. In Our Community – How can statewide GEAR UP staff support our ongoing progress?

**Note:** School teams meet during the year – in area meetings – to use an evidence-based process to reflect on progress and refine planning



THE 2004 GEAR UP INSTITUTE - FINDING COMMON GROUND  
SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form as soon as possible, but no later than April 23, 2004.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Intent to Attend:

- ☐ Our school team intends to participate in the GEAR UP Institute on August 26 and September 30, 2004. The following team members will be present.

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- ☐ Our school team needs information about overnight accommodations.

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